

City of Humble Beautification Committee:

Meeting Minutes –February 3, 2021

In Attendance: **Gwen Willis, Susan McDaniel, Margie Parker, Sharon Mittag, Arliss Bentley, Darlene Ward, Fidel Martinez, and Lois Bean**

Gwen called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm.

A motion was made to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion made by Sharon and seconded by Lois. Motion passed.

City of Humble Festivals: The Farmer's Market is scheduled for February 14th and March 14th. They will be the 2nd Sunday of each month starting in May. Music on Main St will start on March 12th and continue every 2nd Friday of each month. April will not have a Music on Main as that is Good Oil Days Festival weekend. Gwen will get the bands scheduled and added to the Music on Main St Facebook page before the end of next week. Good Oil Days will be a one day event this year. The cost of the entry for the street dance will be waived this year. The VIP parties will be called Sip N Stroll. The committee is meeting to get the final details down for this.

Great American Clean Up: Gwen contacted Jason prior to the meeting to inquire if we could move forward with a clean up this year. He indicated yes. The committee discussed and voted to have the clean up on April 24th. We will need to get things in motion to set up Junk King, the dumpsters, and marketing. It was also discussed whether or not to continue with the membership with Keep America Beautiful. With membership comes a membership fee, continuing education and conventions. Information about ways to market and to apply for grants is available. In the past, the city has paid for the membership and Gwen has done the requirements and reports. Fidel will look into and get check with Jason to see if membership will be continued or to just have a Humble Clean up.

Main Street & Historic Downtown Humble: Margie suggested that we consider picking a property to "Beautify" since we are the Beautification Committee. Discussion led to maybe considering a contest for people to enter to win the opportunity for their yard to be redone. The grants from the Keep America Beautiful could help with this. This will be discussed in future meetings. Susan asked about the situation of the Spruce Goose property that has been vacant for a while. Fidel mentioned that the owner is a Fema worker and is back here now working on the property. The property at 515 E Main will be demolished on Monday. The Deford property is

still in the process of selling. No closing date is set at this time. Will some of the historic items be saved from demolition? Fidel will check with Dr. Meaux. There is still not a date for the former museum on Main St. to be demolished. The flags along Main street are faded. Darlene will notify public works. It was noted that the American flag near the Respado location is in bad shape and needs to be taken down. American flags can be taken to Methodist church and the Rosewood Funeral home for proper disposal.

Artesian Well: It's time to do something about the roses. We discussed revisiting our discussion regarding getting the well repaired. Fidel will get with Mark Arnold to see if he has gotten the quote from Fox Pools for repair.

Code Enforcement—Areas of concern within the city: There is a property on First street with a fence completely surrounding the property brought on the conversation if that is legal to have. There is not an ordinance for restrictions at this time. Currently you can build a fence up to 7ft without having a permit. Fidel is working on an ordinance to give some restrictions. Fidel has been dealing with squatters at a property in Northshire. They produced a false lease and the police are involved now. The city is still having an issue with the homeless. Several have been moved but it is a constant concern. Fidel works with the HEAT program, to help some of them including a female marine whom he was able to help. Some property owners are signing Trespass Affidavits which makes the PD enforce them. There was an issue recently with the PD not enforcing them, but that has been resolved. Sharon asked about a call from Susan Gravel in regards to Welch St. Margie inquired again about the possible pool company going in near her home. Fidel advised that he had gone out to the area and could not identify the property with the information given. She stated that there is a decal on the front door now. Fidel will check it out again to see if there are any violations.

Promotion/Advertising for city and local events: No Update

Old Cemetery on South Houston: No update

Christmas Parade: The 2020 Christmas parade was cancelled due to Covid. We will keep the Rock N Roll Christmas for the parade theme this year. There was a lot of discussion in the last meeting about the changed parade route. We will revisit this with Jason and others with authority to help make that decision. It was agreed on in the November meeting that this year we will

move the parade to the 1st Saturday in December. There is still some concern about this move among some members regarding the impact it will have.

Discussion of items for future meetings: We will add Beautification Projects to the agenda

Adjournment: A motion was made by Sharon and a second by Lois for adjournment at 4:42pm

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, March 3, 2021 AT
Humble Civic Center, 8233 Will Clayton Pkwy Rooms A-D , AT 3:30 PM.**